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I N V E S T O R : Z

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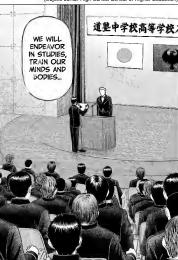
三田紀房





WE ARE  
PROUD  
TO BE  
STUDENTS OF  
PRESTIGIOUS  
DOJIKU

(Dojima Junior High School School of Higher Education)



WE WILL  
ENDEAVOR  
IN STUDIES,  
TRAIN OUR  
MINDS AND  
BODIES...

道塾中学校高等学校

WE WILL  
LIVE OUR  
STUDENT  
LIVES WITH  
PROPERLY  
AND  
DISCIPLINE.

道塾  
中学校  
高等学校  
入学式

(Dojima /  
Junior High  
School School  
of Higher  
Education /  
Entrance  
Ceremony)



THESE ARE  
THE WORDS  
OF OUR  
PLEDGE, ON  
OCCASION  
OF OUR  
ENTRANCE  
CEREMONY.

...SO THAT  
WE MAY GROW  
STRONG AND  
RESOLUTE, WALK  
OUR PATHS  
INDEPENDENTLY,  
AND BECOME  
PRODUCTIVE  
CITIZENS  
WHO SERVE  
SOCIETY.



REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
NEW STUDENTS OF  
DOJUKU JUNIOR HIGH  
SCHOOL.



ZAIZEN  
TAKASHI







I  
KNOW  
THAT..



OKAY.

TIME  
TO EAT.  
PUT THEM  
AWAY  
NOW.



I  
ABSOLUTELY  
HATE  
LOSING,  
EVEN ON  
PURPOSE.



I'M GLAD  
HE PLAYED  
SUCH A  
BIG PART.

I  
SEE

FATHER, TAKASHI, 43 YEARS OLD  
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL BIRTH TEACHER



TAKASHI'S  
SPEECH  
WAS OUT-  
STANDING!  
HE WAS  
SO BOLD

MOTHER, RITSUKO, 41 YEARS OLD  
HOUSEWIFE



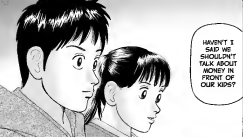
I WAS  
SURPRISED AT  
HOW BEYOND  
THE SCHOOL  
BUILDING IS.  
IT'S HARD TO  
BELIEVE IT'S A  
TUITION-FREE  
SCHOOL..



THE  
TEACHER  
HANDLED ME  
A WRITTEN  
SPEECH TO READ,  
THAT'S  
ALL









SAN FRANCISCO, CA, 1942



FROM THE TOWN CENTER



IT'S APPROXIMATELY A TEN MINUTE WALK



NUMBER OF STUDENTS FOR GRADE OF JUNIOR HIGH: 150  
PER GRADE OF HIGH SCHOOL: 150  
TOTAL NUMBER OF JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: 990

A PRIVATE JUNIOR-HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS, EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, DAJIANG SCHOOL.



IT WAS BUILT WITH HIS OWN PRIVATE FUNDING, WITH THE AIM OF EDUCATING THOSE WHO WOULD BECOME THE BACKBONE OF JAPAN'S FUTURE.

THE SCHOOL WAS ESTABLISHED IN MID-1911 AND BY SAFFORD'S BUSINESS MAGNATE FULYA KAWASAKI, WHO HAD MADE AN ENORMOUS FORTUNE IN THE COAL MINING AND MARINE PRODUCT INDUSTRIES.



IT IS JAPAN'S NUMBER-ONE SUPER-ADVANCED SCHOOL, BOASTING 100 PROMINENT GRADUATES EVERY YEAR WHO PROCEEDED TO TOKYO UNIVERSITY, KYOTO UNIVERSITY, HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY, AND TORONTO UNIVERSITY. MANY EVEN GO INTO THEIR MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

THE SCHOOL WAS TUITION-FREE FROM THE OUTSET. WITH DONATIONS, IT BECAME A GATHERING PLACE FOR DOMESTIC STUDENTS FROM HONKONG AND BEYOND.



GYMNASIUM

SCIENCE WING

EXTREME VIEW OF DOJURU JUNIOR HIGH  
SCHOOL OF HIGHER EDUCATION

DOJURU HALL



LIBRARY BUILDING

MAIN BUILDING

MAIN BUILDING AND LIBRARY BUILDING,  
COMPLETED IN MID-MEIJI ERA,  
MADE OF GRANITE.  
DOJUKU HALL, END OF THE TAISHO ERA,  
ALSO MADE OF GRANITE.  
SCIENCE WING, EARLY SHOWA ERA,  
MADE OF BRICKS.  
GYMNASIUM, RECENTLY BUILT IN THE  
HEISEI ERA. FURNISHED WITH  
CONTEMPORARY EQUIPMENT.











CAN THEY  
HAVE LONG  
HAIR IN THE  
BASEBALL  
CLUB? I DUNNO...



ISN'T THE  
BASEBALL  
FIELD OVER  
THERE..?



HEH?



ARE  
WE  
DOING  
ANYTH...



WHERE  
IS HE  
GOING?



MMH...



















TSUMOM!

OH,  
MAN!







AND  
WHAT IS  
THE GUY  
WHO  
BROUGHT  
ME HERE  
LOOKING  
AT?

WHAT ARE  
THOSE FOUR  
MONITORS  
DOING ON THE  
DESK?



ALL  
THOSE OLD  
NOTEBOOKS  
AND FILES  
ALONG THE  
WALLS...

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...AND  
THAT HEAVY  
DOOR THAT  
LOOKS LIKE  
A BANK  
SAFE...

WHAT'S  
IT DOING  
IN A  
SCHOOL?

WHAT  
ARE THESE  
FIVE GUYS  
UP TO?





THIS ISN'T  
NORMAL!  
SOMETHING  
STRANGE IS  
GOING ON!



THEY'RE  
THOROUGHLY  
GETTING  
INTO IT!

AND  
THOSE  
FOUR  
GUYS  
PLAYING  
MAH-  
JONG!



I KINDA  
WANT  
TO TRY  
IT...



DOH!

IS  
MAHJONG  
THAT  
MUCH  
FUN TO  
PLAY?













IT'S NOT  
COMING...



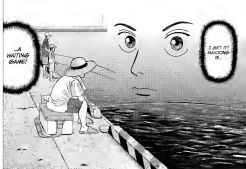
ARASH  
COME ON!



TAKING,  
PUMP,  
SPRINGING  
DORAI!



STUPID  
STUPID:  
DON'T THINK,  
AND JUST  
THINK OF  
GOING OUT.



A  
WAITING  
GAME!

I GET IT!  
HAJONG-  
IS.



YOU HAVE  
TO WAIT  
PATIENTLY  
FOR YOUR  
LUCK TO  
COME  
AROUND

IF YOU JUST  
THINK ABOUT  
WINNING IN  
FRONT OF YOU  
AND MAKE A  
MOVE, YOUR  
OPPONENT  
WILL GET  
YOU!



SO  
WHAT? IF  
THIS IS MY  
FIRST TIME  
PLAYING?  
I STILL  
DON'T  
WANT TO  
LOSE!



AN  
EVENING  
WILL WOULD  
BE TO HAVE  
SAY THEIR  
HOME  
PACARD



I HATE  
TO  
LOSE!

I PLAY  
TO WIN!





HAVE  
PATIENCE!  
FOR THE  
FLOW TO  
COME BY  
MEY...



801, FOURTH FLOOR,  
SOUTH HALL, ZENON



I CAN'T  
KEEP UP  
WITH THEM



THEIR  
PACE IS  
SUDDENLY  
SPEEDING-  
UP!



THERE!  
ROM!





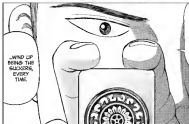




YOU  
NAIVELY  
JUMPED  
INTO A  
GAME  
THAT  
LOOKED  
LIKE  
FUN.



BECAUSE  
YOU WERE  
ATTRACTED  
TO THE  
ALLURE OF  
THE GAME.



...WIND UP  
BEING THE  
VICTIMS,  
EVERY  
TIME.

GUYS THAT  
GIVE IN TO  
ALLURES,  
GUYS THAT  
JUMP IN  
WITHOUT  
KNOWING  
THE RULES...





A black and white manga-style illustration of a man in a dark suit and white shirt. He has a serious expression and is holding a small, glowing object between his fingers. The background is filled with falling Japanese yen banknotes of various denominations (100, 500, 1000).

INVESTMENTS!

IN OTHER  
WORDS,  
MONEY...









...YOU  
ARE THE  
SIXTH.





...MEMBER  
OF DOJUKU  
SCHOOL'S  
INVESTMENT  
CLUB.



IT'S  
A LONG-  
STANDING  
TRADITION.  
YOU WERE  
THE TOP  
AMONG NEW  
STUDENTS.  
THAT'S WHY  
YOU'VE BEEN  
INDUCTED.

THE INVEST-  
MENT CLUB  
MEMBERS ARE  
THOSE WHO  
SCORED THE  
HIGHEST IN  
THE JUNIOR  
HIGH ENTRANCE  
EXAMS. EACH  
OF US IS FROM  
ONE OF SIX  
GRADES



THE  
SIXTH?  
WHY ME?  
WHY AM  
I IN THE  
INVESTMENT  
CLUB?



YOU ARE  
JOINING THE  
INVESTMENT  
CLUB, AND  
YOU'RE GOING  
TO MAKE  
INVESTMENTS  
WITH US TO  
MEET OUR  
GOAL!

YOU  
CANNOT  
REJECT THE  
TRADITION



M-ME...  
MAKE  
INVEST-  
MENTS?

WHAT?



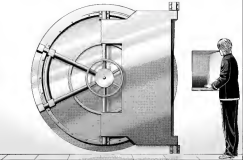


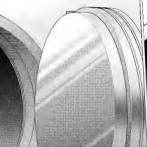


YOUR  
CONJEC-  
TURES  
ABOUT THIS  
ARE COM-  
PLETELY  
WRONG.





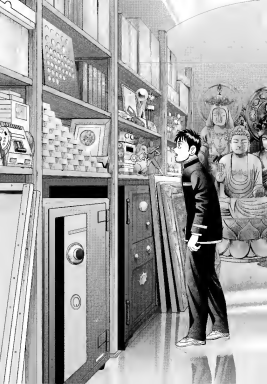














THEY'RE  
WHAT YOU CALL  
MATERIAL  
ASSETS.

A PART OF DO-  
JUNKU'S  
ASSETS.



WH-WHAT  
IS ALL  
THIS?



JAPANESE  
PAINTINGS,  
SCROLLS OF  
CALLIGRAPHY,  
JACINT  
ILLUSTRATIONS,  
AND OTHER SUCH  
ARTICLES.  
ALL THESE ART  
OBJECTS CAN  
BE AUCTIONED  
FOR DOUBLE THE  
PRICE OF THEIR  
PURCHASE.

THERE ARE  
NATIONAL-  
TREASURE  
CALIBER  
STATUES,  
WORLD-  
FAMOUS  
PAINTINGS  
AND SCULP-  
TURES.



SO THE  
INTERESTING  
ONE IS  
ROBT?

DO I  
HAVE TO  
REPEAT  
MYSELF?



OF COURSE  
WE ALSO  
HAVE GOLD,  
PLATINUM,  
PRECIOUS  
METALS,  
AND EVEN  
DIAMONDS.

ALL OF  
THESE WERE  
PURCHASED  
BY OUR PRE-  
DECEASED,  
AND THEY'VE  
ACCUMULATED  
OVER A LONG  
COURSE  
OF TIME.



SCHOOL  
FOUNDER FUJITA  
KANEHIKID'S  
PHILOSOPHY WAS  
THAT "HE WILL  
RECEIVE NO  
FINANCIAL AID  
FROM THE  
OUTSIDE, INTEREST  
ACQUIRED FROM  
INVESTMENTS WILL  
PAY FOR SCHOOL  
EXPENDITURES"

...DONS  
POSSIBLY  
LET  
STUDENTS  
DO THIS  
KIND OF  
THING?

BUT  
HAY...



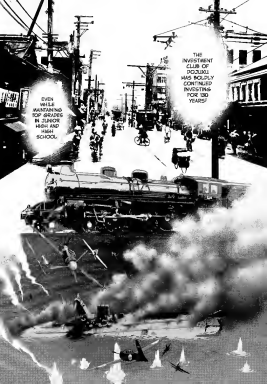
LATER IN THE  
MEIJI ERA, A  
BOY WHO WAS  
A MATH GENIUS  
WAS ADDED AS A  
MEMBER. UNDER  
THE GUIDANCE  
OF THAT  
STUDENT, THE  
PROFITS WERE  
INCREDIBLE

FOLLOWING HIS  
PHILOSOPHY, A  
FEW OF OUR  
PREDECESSORS  
IN THE FUJITA  
FAMILY MADE  
INVESTMENTS



SUBSEQUENTLY,  
SIX OF THEM,  
WHO HAD  
THE HIGHEST  
ACADEMIC  
PERFORMANCE,  
FORMED A  
SECRET  
ORGANIZATION  
IN THIS  
UNDERGROUND  
ROOM.

BASED ON THE  
RESULTS, THE  
FUJITA FAMILY  
LET HIM RUN THE  
WHOLE SHOW  
THEY MADE HIM  
SELECT SEVERAL  
SUPERIOR  
STUDENTS  
TO FORM AN  
INVESTMENT  
CLUB.



THE  
INVESTMENT  
CLUB OF  
COLUMBIA  
HAS BOLDLY  
CONTINUED  
INVESTING  
FOR 100  
YEARS!

EVEN  
WHILE  
MAINTAINING  
TOP GRADES  
IN JUNIOR  
HIGH AND  
HIGH  
SCHOOL.



THE 88  
MEMBERS OF  
THE INVESTMENT  
CLUB HAVE KEPT  
POURU  
PROTECTED,  
OVERRUNNING THE  
BOOMING WAVES OF  
TURBULENCE  
THAT, AND  
ACCUMULATING  
THE YIELD  
OF THEIR  
KNOWLEDGE!

SHIMIZU, THE  
INVESTMENT  
CLUB OF  
POURU IS  
THE HISTORY  
OF THE  
JAPANESE  
ECONOMY  
ITSELF!



OUR  
CURRENT  
GOAL IS 8%  
ANNUAL  
INTEREST, AND  
WE REACH  
THAT EVERY  
YEAR TO MAKE  
A PROFIT OF  
24 BILLION

AND FINALLY,  
THE VALUE  
OF ASSETS  
ACCUMULATED  
BY OUR  
PREDECESSORS  
AMOUNTS TO  
500 BILLION  
YEN.



GO...

I'M  
ASSIGNED  
THAT DUTY,  
TOO.



WE ROLL  
THAT OVER,  
INCREASE  
CAPITAL, AND  
PASS IT ON  
TO THE NEXT  
GENERATION.

THIS IS  
THE DUTY  
ASSIGNED  
TO US, THE  
INVESTMENT  
CLUB.







IN THE HISTORY OF OUR CLUB, NOT A SINGLE ONE OF US HAS EVER SLIPPED FROM FIRST PLACE

COMPARED TO INVENTING, SCHOOL-WORK IS A WALK IN THE PARK



ONE MORE QUESTION



I SEE...



UM...  
YES



THAT'S OUR HIGH-CLAP CODE

MEMBERS OF THE INVENTING CLUB NEVER REVEAL OUR ACTIVITIES TO ANYONE ELSE



YOU WANT TO ASK WHY NO ONE IN SCHOOL HAS HEARD OF THE INVENTING CLUB



WE MUST  
TAKE THE  
SECRET  
TO OUR  
GRAVES.



NO  
CHARGES

IT'S A  
SLOW  
MURDER.

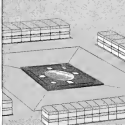
A  
PAUCITY  
OF COM-  
MODITIES  
TODAY.

DOLLARS  
TO BURN



WHEN  
DO PLAY  
A HALF-  
BARE?

NOT A  
GOOD DAY  
FOR DOING  
BUSINESS  
WE'RE  
CLOSING.





BUT  
THERE'S  
VALUE IN  
DOING  
ONE'S BEST,  
EVEN IF  
YOU CAN'T  
BECOME  
FIRST-RATE!



YOU'RE  
JUST  
WASTING  
YOUR  
ENERGY

IF YOU  
CAN'T  
BECOME  
FIRST-RATE,  
WHY  
BOTHR  
WITH IT?



THEY'RE  
WORTHLESS!

THERE  
IS NO  
VALUE IN  
MISSED  
EFFORTS.









WHO CARES ABOUT INVEST-  
MENT?



WOW.  
MAHJONG  
LOOKS  
FUN.



I WANT  
TO GET  
BLOOD  
AT THIS  
GAME!

I WANT  
TO PLAY  
MAHJONG!



I WANT  
REVENGE  
FOR  
BEING  
MADE A  
SUCKER!



I WANT TO  
WIN THE  
NEXT TIME!





I WANT  
TO BEAT  
HIM!

THIS GUY,  
PRETENDING  
TO BE A  
LEADER  
OR SOME-  
THING.









PHOOEY... I  
FEEL STUPID  
FOR HAVING  
FOLLOWED  
HIM HERE.



THEY WERE  
DESPERATE  
TO KEEP  
THEIR  
100-YEAR  
LINKAGE  
UNBROKEN.

BUT... THESE  
GUYS MUST  
HAVE BEEN  
FEELING  
LOTS OF  
PRESSURE.



...I SUPPOSE  
IT'S GOOD  
THAT I  
JOINED.

IF IT MAKES  
THEM SO  
HAPPY...



CAPTAIN, RIGHT?



LET ME  
INTRODUCE  
MYSELF.  
I'M THE  
CLUB  
CAPTAIN!

KUJIKIRI  
KEISUKE,  
THIRD-YEAR  
HIGH  
SCHOOL  
STUDENT.



FIRST-YEAR  
HIGH  
SCHOOL  
STU-  
DENT!

TOMIYAMA  
DAIJI, ALL  
THE BEST.



VICE-  
CAPTAIN,  
SECOND-YEAR  
HIGH  
SCHOOL  
STUDENT!

RYUUSUKE  
MORIYAMA.



SECOND-YEAR  
JUNIOR  
HIGH  
STU-  
DENT!

YAMAGUCHI  
REN  
THANKS  
FOR  
COMING  
HERE  
WITH  
ME.



THIRD-YEAR  
JUNIOR  
HIGH  
STUDENT!

YAMAGUCHI  
DAIJI,  
WE'LL  
HAVE FUN  
DOING  
THIS TO-  
GETHER.





STUDY IS  
IRRELEVANT  
TO  
INVESTING!

**This is the style of Enjuku's  
investment club! This is how  
they train their new members!**



TH-THAT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE!  
I DON'T  
KNOW  
ANYTHING  
ABOUT  
INVESTMENTS,  
LET ALONE  
INVESTING 10  
BILLION!



I NEED  
TO STUDY  
THINGS  
ABOUT  
INVESTING.

**Investor-Z episode 2 / The End**





YOU SAY  
YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
STUDY  
SMART?

A YEAR  
WILL GO BY  
BEFORE YOU  
KNOW IT.



YOU DON'T  
NEED TO  
STUDY FOR  
INVESTING  
THAT'S  
KNOWLEDGE.

HOW  
CAN I  
INVEST 10  
BILLION  
WITHOUT  
KNOWING  
ANYTHING?



NOW QUIT  
TUMBLING  
AND GET IN  
FRONT  
OF THE  
COMPUTER

INVESTING  
IS NOT  
ABOUT  
STUDY.  
IT'S ABOUT  
GETTING  
THE HANDS  
OF IT.



WE'RE  
DONE  
FOR  
TODAY.

WE'RE  
STARTING  
IMMEDIATELY  
TOMORROW  
COME HERE  
WITH REN  
AFTER  
CLASS









CAN A JUNIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENT  
REALLY MAKE  
INVESTMENTS?



I WOULD'VE  
NEVER  
EXPECTED  
TO JOIN AN  
INVESTMENT  
CLUB.



I WONDER  
WHAT'S  
GOING TO  
HAPPEN?



I  
SUPPOSE  
IT'LL ALL  
WORK  
OUT.



BUT  
EVERYBODY  
ELSE IS  
DOING IT...



I  
EXPECTED  
THE  
TEXTBOOKS  
TO BE MORE  
DIFFICULT,  
BUT THEY  
AREN'T AT  
ALL.



A LITTLE  
BREAK.  
LET'S SEE  
WHAT THE  
ONLINE  
CHARGES  
ARE UP TO!



WOW,  
GAMING  
IS CRAZY IN  
JAPAN!











INVESTOR 2?



SOUNDS  
KINDA COOL.

INVESTOR 2...



KINDA  
SOUNDS  
LIKE AN  
ANIME  
HERO!

I SEE.



YOUR  
NAME  
AS AN  
INVESTOR







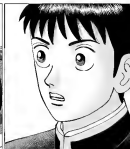




INVESTING  
IS PLAYING!  
IT'S A  
GAME!

IT'S A  
MONEY  
GAME!











I HAVE  
NO  
IDEA.

YEAH,  
BUT...  
WHAT  
SHOULD  
I BUY?



BUY WHAT  
YOU LIKE  
AT FIRST



ACCESS  
THE ONLINE  
BROKERAGE  
FIRM, PICK A  
TRADING NAME,  
PURCHASE  
SHARES, AND  
THEN YOU'RE  
DONE.  
SIMPLE,  
RIGHT?

CLICK  
CLICK  
CLICK



WHAT  
DO YOU  
LIKE?



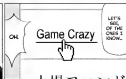
WHAT I  
LIKE...



...I GUESS  
I LIKE  
GAMES.



LET'S SEE...  
WITH CHICKS,  
INVERTED  
ANIMALS,  
JAPANESE HAM,  
"FIGHTERS,"  
AND...





IT'S NOT!  
IT'S TRASH!

GAME  
CRAZY  
IS SUPER  
FUN!



PEOPLE  
JUST  
DON'T  
GET IT  
YET,  
THAT'S  
ALL.

NO... IT'S  
TOTALLY  
FUN.



THIS IS IT.  
I'M  
BUYING!



CHECKING  
THE GRAPH  
THEIR STOCK  
PRICE HAS  
GONE DOWN  
BY 10% IN  
TWO WEEKS

IT'S  
AT THE  
LOWEST  
PRICE  
SINCE THE  
COMPANY'S  
INCEPTION.



K-I-E-E-E-E-E!









WHAT?!



THE STOCK  
PRICE WILL  
DEFINITELY  
GO UP!

BECAUSE  
I THINK IT  
WILL.



**Reckless and bold!**  
**What'll become of the three billion?!**

**Investor-Z episode 3 / The End**







THAT DOESN'T  
APPLY TO AN  
IDIOCRANUS  
LIKE YOU!

DON'T  
TALK  
BACK,  
AND  
OBEY  
YOUR  
SENPAI'S  
INSTRUCTIONS!



HUNT  
DIDN'T HE SAY  
THAT YOU  
DON'T NEED  
TO STUDY  
INVESTING?

HE SAID  
INVESTING  
IS A GAME  
OF BRITS  
AND  
INTELLIGENCE.



COOL,  
IT,  
WATS-  
MARE.

OF  
COURSE  
I AM!

YOU'RE...  
CONFUSING  
ME?



GOOD  
BYE.

YES...  
THANK  
YOU  
FOR  
THE  
HARD  
WORK.



I'LL BE  
GOING  
NOW...







"BANK-  
RUPT..."



IT'S  
CALLED  
"BANK"  
RUPT."

IT'S  
A FACT  
IT'S AN  
ACTUAL  
GAME OF  
THRILL...



IN ORDER  
TO WIN AT  
THIS GAME,  
THEY MUST  
THOROUGHLY  
RESEARCH  
THE KINDS OF  
GAMES AND  
BETTING  
STRATEGIES.

IT'S A TEST  
OF SKILLS DONE  
BY AMERICAN  
TRADERS! THEY  
SOLICIT THE  
TITLES FOR ALL  
THE MONEY  
THEY'VE GOT,  
AND MAKE THEM  
GO BUST.

IN THE  
END, WHEN  
THEY BREAK  
THE BANK, THEY  
GET CHEERS  
AND ACCLAMOR  
FROM  
SPECTATORS.





THIS SHELF IS  
PACKED WITH  
NOTEBOOKS  
AND MATERIALS  
OF INSTANT  
RECORDS KEPT  
BY OUR  
PREDECESSORS.



OKAY.

ZUTEN,  
OVER  
HERE.



YOU COULD  
EAT THESE  
HISTORICAL  
RECORDS  
WHICH ARE  
CHRONO-  
LOGICALLY  
PRESERVED.



YOU  
COULDN'T  
FIND MORE  
PRECIOUS  
STUDY  
MATERIALS  
THAN THIS IN  
ALL OF JAPAN,  
EVEN IN  
THE WHOLE  
WORLD!

THE MEIJI ERA, TAIHO  
ERA, SHOWA ERA, AND  
HOSEI ERA. IF YOU  
LOOK AT THESE  
RECORDS, YOU'LL  
KNOW EVERYTHING  
ABOUT HOW THEY  
INVESTED WITH  
RESPECT TO THEIR  
TIME. FOR EXAMPLE,  
WHAT THEY BOUGHT  
AFTER THE WAR,  
WHAT THEY SOLD,  
AND SO ON.



WELT ERA,  
TAGAD ERA...  
WOW, THIS IS  
AMAZING.

DONG-POO  
DONG-POO















MAKING IT IN BRICKS  
FROM  
HAVING  
PURCHASED  
THREE  
BILLION YEN  
WORTH OF  
BRICKS.



WHAT WAS  
THAT HEARD  
HALLUCINATION?



IT SAID  
"DON'T  
GO NEAR  
MONEY  
GET OUT  
OF HERE,  
NOW!"

NO,  
I HEARD  
THE VOICE  
CLEARLY.



NOTE-BOOK



NOTE-BOOK









HIS SERVICE  
TO HUMANITY  
IS UNFATH-  
OMABLE.

WHAT AN  
AMAZING  
PERSON



BUT THERE  
MUST'VE BEEN  
SOMEONE WHO  
INTRODUCED  
THE IDEA INTO  
SOCIAL  
SYSTEMS



AS TO WHO  
THAT WAS  
AND WHEN,  
THERE'S NO  
WAY OF  
KNOWING...

THAT'S  
WHAT I  
THOUGHT...  
IT'D BE  
IMPOSSIBLE  
TO SPECIFY  
ONE SINGLE  
PERSON.

THAT'S TRUE...  
WE DO HAVE  
A LITTLE  
KNOWLEDGE  
CONCERNING  
THE HISTORY  
OF MONEY



AGRICULTURAL  
CIVILIZATIONS  
WERE BORN  
ABOUT 10,000  
YEARS AGO...

...AND MONEY  
ENTERED THE  
SCENE ABOUT  
4000 YEARS  
AGO



DO THEY  
HAD A  
BARTER  
SYSTEM  
FOR 4000  
YEARS?



THAT  
MEANS THE  
HUMAN RACE  
SUSTAINED  
FOR 4000  
YEARS IN  
SOCIETIES  
WITHOUT  
MONEY



PEOPLE  
MET THEIR  
SUPPLY AND  
DEMAND BY  
BARTERING



THINGS  
THAT  
COULDN'T  
BE STORED  
WOULD  
ROT AND  
GO TO  
WASTE

BUT  
THAT MADE IT  
DIFFICULT TO  
FIND SUPPLIES  
ON DEMAND.  
YOU'D HAVE  
TO FIND THE  
PEOPLE WHO  
HAD THEM



"IT WOULD  
BE USEFUL  
BECAUSE IT  
COULD BE  
EXCHANGED  
FOR ANY  
THING YOU  
WANT, AT  
ANY TIME."

SO SOME  
SMART GUY  
THOUGHT OF  
A PROPOSAL:  
"LET'S ASSIGN  
VALUE TO  
SOMETHING,  
AND USE IT AS A  
SUBSTITUTE FOR  
EXCHANGES"



THE  
DESIGNATIONS  
DIFFERED WITH  
REGIONS.

IN TERMS OF  
VEGETATION, THEY  
USED WHEAT, RICE,  
CORN, IN TERMS OF  
ANIMALS, THEY USED  
COWS, PIGS, DEER,  
THEY ALSO USED  
WHALE'S TEETH, SEA  
SHELLS, FUR, AND  
FEATHERS.

SO THE  
FIRST THING  
THAT GOT  
INTRODUCED WAS  
"DESIGNATION!"  
AN EXCHANGE  
RATE WAS  
CHOSEN FOR  
PRECIOUS  
THINGS  
THAT PEOPLE  
WANTED.



THAT  
WAS THE  
INTRODUCTION  
OF MONEY TO  
THE HUMAN  
RACE.



SO,  
HAVE A  
LOOK AT  
PAGE 1  
OF THE  
NOTEBOOK.

PEOPLE  
BECAME  
AWARE  
OF THE  
CONCEPT  
OF  
MONEY

I  
THINK  
THEY  
WOULDN'T  
START  
WITH  
GOLD  
AND  
SILVER

WHEAT,  
COWS,  
AND SEA  
SHELLS  
AT FIRST,  
HUH.



Money is people.  
People are money.

**Words that will never get  
old jump out to Zaizen!**

**Investor-Z Credit 4 / The End**

Money is people.

People are money.



MONEY IS  
PEOPLE...  
PEOPLE ARE  
MONEY...



WHAT  
DOES IT  
MEAN?

WOW...

Money is people  
People are money



THE ONLY PEOPLE YOU KNOW ARE THOSE YOU'RE WORKING WITH IN THE PRESENT. WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US.



IT'S OUR CODE: THE INVESTMENT CLUB DOESN'T KEEP A RECORD OF ITS MEMBERS.













Listen  
to the  
voice of  
money





MONEY IS A  
UNIQUE TOOL  
THAT BINDS  
PEOPLE  
WHO DON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
EACH OTHER'S  
LANGUAGES.



EVEN IF  
THEY HAD  
SOMETHING  
THEY WANTED,  
UNTIL THE  
EXCHANGE  
WAS  
COMPLETED,  
THEY HAD  
SUSPICION  
AND  
ANXIETY

BEFORE THE  
EXISTENCE  
OF MONEY,  
PEOPLE  
DISTRUSTED  
THOSE  
THEY DIDN'T  
KNOW



THEY  
COULD  
TRUST  
PEOPLE  
THEY DIDN'T  
KNOW,  
RIGHT  
ON THE  
SPOT

BUT WHEN  
MONEY  
ENTERED THE  
SCENE, THE  
SUSPICIONS  
WERE WIPED  
OUT



PEOPLE  
CARE TO  
BELIEVE IN  
PEOPLE

BECAUSE  
OF  
MONEY.



AND THAT  
VERY TRUST  
BROUGHT  
FORTH  
DRAMATIC  
CHANGES.

BY HAVING  
MONEY,  
PEOPLE  
CARE TO  
TRUST EACH  
OTHER.



THESE BUILDINGS  
BECAME LIVELY,  
AND THERE  
WAS A SUDDED  
INCREASE OF NEW  
VOCABULARY.  
IT BECAME  
ENJOYABLE TO  
TALK TO EACH  
OTHER.

PEOPLE  
BEGAN TO FEEL  
AT EASE WITH  
EACH OTHER,  
AND MORE  
OPPORTUNITIES  
AROSE FOR  
PEOPLE TO BE  
WITH EACH  
OTHER.

A black and white illustration of three people in ancient-style clothing. A woman on the left holds a baby, while a man and another woman embrace her. They are in an outdoor courtyard with a stone wall and a hanging lantern on the left.

PEOPLE  
WOULD  
ENCOUNTER  
PEOPLE. THEY'D  
TRUST EACH  
OTHER, APPROVE  
OF EACH  
OTHER, AND  
LOVE EACH  
OTHER.

A black and white illustration of a person sitting on a bench in a courtyard, looking towards the left. A tree is visible in the background.

COMMUNICATION  
BECAME A PART  
OF DAY-TO-DAY  
HUMAN LIFE.







THESE  
THINGS  
MAGNIFIED IN  
TIME, AND  
PROSPEROUS  
CIVILIZATIONS  
WERE  
FORMED.

IN OTHER  
WORDS,  
MONEY IS THE  
COMMUNICATION  
THAT TIES  
PEOPLE'S  
HEARTS  
TOGETHER.

SUB-SEQUENTLY, CIVILIZATION MOVED TO THE NEXT PHASE OF RAPID PROGRESS.



...AND CIVILIZATION MADE PROGRESS.



I SEE... HUMAN INTERACTIONS WERE ENHANCED DUE TO MONEY, THE PRODUCTION OF MATERIAL GOODS INCREASED...



THE NEXT PHASE?



I'LL TAKE HIS PLACE AND EXPLAIN.



SEN, THE AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR IS DOING STUFF.



JUST A SECOND...

Return



BECAUSE  
THE QUALITY  
OF ITS  
MINT WAS  
STANDARD-  
IZED AND  
ASSURED BY  
ATHENS



THE  
"COINS OF  
ATHENS" BECAME  
INTERNATIONAL  
CURRENCY.  
SUPPOSEDLY  
OTHER COINS  
FALTED AT THE  
TIME, BUT WHY  
DID THE COINS  
OF ATHENS  
BECOME SO  
POPULAR?

SUPPOSEDLY  
PEOPLE OF  
THE TIME  
BROKE THE  
COINS TO  
CHECK THE  
INSIDES



YOU CAN'T  
DETERMINE  
THE QUALITY  
OF A SILVER  
COIN WITH  
A QUICK  
GLANCE

IT WAS A  
GUARANTEE  
THAT "THIS  
COIN IS PURE  
SILVER, AND  
ITS WEIGHT IS  
FOUR GRAMS."  
THIS ASSURED  
THE PEOPLE,  
AND THEY USED  
THE COINS  
WITH  
CONFIDENCE



SO THE  
MINT OF  
ATHENS HAD  
THE "OWL"  
EMBOSSED  
ON THEIR  
COINS.



NATURALLY, THE QUANTITY OF CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION INCREASED EXPONENTIALLY.

WHEN STANFORD CURRIEY ENTERED THE SCENE, THE ECONOMY ENJOINED RAPID GROWTH, THERE WAS ALSO A CORRESPONDING POPULATION EXPLOSION.



THAT HOOKER SAVED ME...

I KNOW.



YOU CAN THINK OF ALL THIS AS PRETTY MUCH THE SAME AS OUR PRESENT ECONOMY.



INSTEAD OF BRIBES, ANOTHER COUNTRY BECAME THE RULER OF LAND AND SEA...

HOWEVER, THE PRODUCTION RATE OF COMMODITIES DIDN'T CORRESPOND WITH THE CURRENCY RATE OF CIRCULATION, THEN A REBOT HAPPENED, AND A THING BECAME UNCOVERED.



THE  
ROMAN  
EMPIRE!



EVENTUALLY, THERE  
WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH  
PLUMS TO CONTINUE  
PRODUCING COIN AT  
THAT RATE, SO THEY  
RESORTED TO A FOREIGN  
RESOURCE.

ALONG WITH THEIR  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
ROMA  
PRODUCED  
VARIOUS  
KINDS OF COIN.



THEY  
LOWERED  
THE  
QUALITY OF SILVER  
USED IN  
MINTING COIN.



FOREIGN  
RESOURCE



BUT THEY LOWERED THE  
GRADE TO  
50% AND 40%  
GRADUALLY,  
AND FINALLY, IT  
DROPT AS LOW  
AS 20%. ALL THAT  
WAS LEFT OF  
THE ORIGINALS  
WAS THE  
ENGRAVINGS

THE  
"DENARIUS  
SILVER" USED  
IN PRINTING  
COINED IN  
ANCIENT ROME  
MAINTAINED  
90% PURITY  
FOR A  
WHILE



CIVILIZATION  
PLUNGED INTO  
THE AGE OF  
TRUSTING  
NONEXISTENT  
VALUES!

THE CURTAINS  
OPENED  
ONTO  
A HISTORICAL  
STAGE IN WHICH  
HUMANITY BEGAN  
ACCUMULATING  
FICTITIOUS  
WEALTH!



WHAT'S  
THE  
BOY'S  
NAME?

THAT'S  
GOOP  
TO  
HEAR.



THIS YEAR'S  
NEW CLUB  
MEMBER IS  
QUITE OUT-  
STANDING.  
YOU NEEDN'T  
WORRY.



ZAIZEN  
TAKASHI.



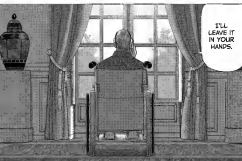
ZAIZEN.



HISS

Takashi  
knows the history of course,  
even while not knowing about  
the Doge himself through  
point of view









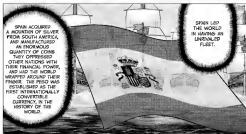


THE  
AGE OF  
OCEANIC  
NAVIGATION  
STARTED



NATIONS  
OF EUROPE  
EXPANDED  
THE SEAS  
EXPORT AND  
IMPORT  
EXPANDED  
ALL AT  
ONCE

THE  
DEVELOPMENT  
OF SHIPS AND  
NAVIGATION  
TECHNOLOGY  
ENABLED  
PEOPLE TO  
TRAVEL LONG  
DISTANCES.



SPAIN ACQUIRED  
A MOUNTAIN OF SILVER  
FROM SOUTH AMERICA,  
AND MANUFACTURED  
AN ENORMOUS  
QUANTITY OF COINS.  
THEY OPPRESSED  
OTHER NATIONS WITH  
THEIR FINANCIAL POWER,  
AND HAD THE WORLD  
WRAPPED AROUND THEIR  
FINGER. THE PESO WAS  
ESTABLISHED AS THE  
FIRST INTERNATIONALLY  
CONVERTIBLE  
CURRENCY IN THE  
HISTORY OF THE  
WORLD.

SPAIN LED  
THE WORLD  
IN SAYING AN  
UNLIMITED  
FLUENT.



THEY SHOULD'VE USED A SUBSTITUTE FOR SILVER!



THEY'D REACHED THE LIMIT OF COIN SUPPLY!

THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION OF MASSIVE DEMANDS, THE WORLD ECONOMY SWELLED, AND THE SUPPLY OF PISSES COULDN'T KEEP UP TO SPEED



WHAT WERE THEY ENTHRALLED WITH?

PERHAPS... BUT THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW MUCH YOU CAN STORE OF ANY KIND OF METAL, SO THE PEOPLE OF THE TIME BECAME ENTHRALLED WITH SOMETHING



ALCHEMY??



ALCHEMY.



PEOPLE  
SEXUALLY  
BOUGHT  
TECHNIQUES  
TO  
ARTIFICIALLY  
PRODUCE  
GOLD.

YOU  
COULD  
SAY  
HUMAN  
HISTORY  
WAS  
BORN  
A  
BATTLE  
FOR  
GOLD.



WHY  
WAS  
THAT?



MAYBE  
SOMEONE  
AT  
A  
RESEARCH  
FACILITY  
SAID  
SOMETHING  
LIKE  
THIS!

HELL...



BUT  
BY  
THE  
TIME  
THE  
18TH  
CENTURY  
CAME  
AROUND,  
ALCHEMICAL  
RESEARCH  
BEGAN  
TO  
WANE.



...CAN'T  
WE  
JUST  
USE  
PAPER?

FOR  
THIS  
THING...









IT ALL  
STARTED WITH  
15TH-CENTURY  
TRAVEL AND  
PELAGIUS WITH  
DANGER, AND  
THERE WAS  
ALWAYS THE RISK  
OF THE LOGGERS  
AND THE PEOPLE  
POOLED THEIR  
FUNDS, AND  
DISPERSED THE  
RETURNS AMONG  
THEMSELVES.



THE  
MONEY  
WASNT  
SUSTAIN  
BANKS  
DURING THE  
OCEANIC  
NAVIGATION  
AGE.

ITS  
POWERFUL  
BACKERS  
WERE  
BANKS!



IN 1602, THE  
WORLD'S FIRST  
JOINT-STOCK  
COMPANY WAS  
ESTABLISHED BY  
THE EAST INDIA  
COMPANY OF  
NETHERLANDS.  
INVESTING BECAME  
PART OF THE  
BUSINESS WORLD,  
AND THERE WAS  
NOW A FINANCIAL  
MARKET.

THE WORD  
CAME  
FROM THE  
ITALIAN  
WORD  
"BANCA," AND IT  
WENT  
"BANKER."

BY THE  
WAY, DO  
YOU KNOW  
WHERE THE  
WORD  
"BANK"  
CAME FROM?



THE  
WORD  
IMPLIED  
"YOU CAN  
MAKE  
MONEY  
BY JUST  
SITTING  
IN YOUR  
CHAIR."

"BANK"...  
I DON'T  
KNOW.





(the word "respectable" is written as concatenated sylls.)

Banks  
are respectable  
money lenders



BUT THEY  
CAN ONLY  
PRINT PAPER  
COMMENSURATE  
IN VALUE WITH  
STORED GOLD,  
ISN'T THAT  
SO?



THAT'S  
TRUE—  
AND THEY  
WULF  
FACTURE  
CURRENCY  
AS WELL.

COES  
THIS MEAN  
BANKS MAKE  
PROFIT BY  
LENDING  
MONEY?



PEOPLE  
WANTED  
TO MAKE A  
FORTUNE IN  
IMPORT-  
EXPORT  
TRADES,  
SO THEY  
SWARMED TO  
BANKS TO  
BORROW  
MONEY  
FOR THEIR  
INVESTMENTS

THAT'S  
HOW IT WAS  
AT FIRST.  
BUT BANKS  
HAVE INVENTED  
MODERN-DAY  
ALCHEMY  
AND THAT'S  
THE IDEA OF  
MONEY-  
LENDING.



BANKS  
WOULD TAKE  
THE DEBT-  
AGREEMENTS  
AS COLLATERAL,  
AND PRINT MONEY  
ACCORDINGLY.  
THEY WOULD  
PRODUCE MANY  
TIMES THE VALUE  
OF THE ORIGINAL,  
AND WOULD  
LEND THEM  
ALL OUT.

BORROWERS  
PRESENTED  
LENDERS DEBT-  
AGREEMENT  
FORMS, AND  
BANKS HANDS  
THEM THE  
MONEY.



PEOPLE'S  
GREED GOT  
FUED UP, THEIR  
DESIRE TO MAKE  
MORE MONEY  
THE TOTAL AMOUNT  
OF CURRENCY  
IN WORLDWIDE  
CIRCULATION WAS  
800 TRILLION IN  
THE YEAR 2000. IT  
SWELLED TO 370  
TRILLION IN 2006,  
AND IT KEEPS  
SWELLING

THAT'S HOW  
DANHS REVEALED  
A SCHEME  
OF MONEY  
PRODUCING  
MONEY;  
NOTHING WAS  
CHANGED, EVEN  
UP TO THE  
PRESENT.



THAT'S  
RIGHT.

MONEY  
IS MAGIC.



KIND OF  
SOUNDS  
LIKE MAGIC  
HYPNOSIS.

AS IF  
PEOPLE  
WERE  
UNDER A  
MAGICAL  
SPELL.



IT'S AN  
ANCIENT  
MAGIC  
SPELL THAT  
PEOPLE  
HAVE CAST  
UPON  
PEOPLE!

EVER  
SINCE  
DAYS  
OF  
OLD.



AND IF THAT  
MAGIC SPELL  
GOT BROKEN,  
IT WOULD  
LEAD TO THE  
DESTRUCTION  
OF  
EVERYTHING!

THAT'S  
WHY NO  
ONE MUST  
CALL IT  
A MAGIC  
SPELL!



NO ONE  
MUST WAKE  
UP FROM  
THE MAGIC  
SPELL!

AS LONG  
AS THE  
WORLD  
STANDS,  
EVERYONE  
MUST BE  
BROUGHT  
UNDER THE  
SPELL!



THEY  
IMMEDIATELY  
LOST THEIR  
FUNDS,  
AND THE  
COUNTRIES  
WENT  
BANKRUPT

SEVERAL  
COUNTRIES  
IN THE PAST  
HAVE  
WOKEN UP  
FROM THE  
SPELL.



SHH!



BECAUSE  
THE  
SPELL  
ISN'T  
WORKING  
ON US?

WHAT?  
COULD  
JAPAN  
BE IN  
TROUBLE  
TOO?



DON'T  
GO  
OUT OF  
YOUR  
WAY TO  
WAKE  
THEM  
UP

LET THE  
PEOPLE  
QUIETLY  
SLUMBER.







THERE ARE NO DECENT PEOPLE WHO PLAY WITH STOCKS.



THE POLICE HAVE SUSPICIONS OF INSIDER TRADING OF COMPANY STOCKS.



I KNOW.

YOU SHOULD JOIN A SPORTS CLUB OF SOME KIND. POURS AT AN AGE WHERE YOU CAN START TRAINING FOR A STRONG BODY.



UPH! I'M STILL THINKING ABOUT IT.

TAKASHI, I HEARD YOU'RE NOT JOINING THE BASEBALL CLUB. WHAT CLUB ACTIVITY ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

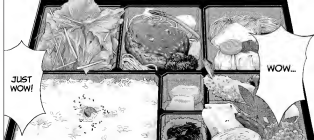


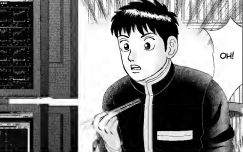
GAH! AND I'VE BOUGHT SHARES ALREADY. THREE MILLION WORTH.



THEY DON'T WORK BY THE SMELL OF THEIR BROWN. THEY SPECIALLY LOOK FOR EASY MARKS OUT, SO THAT'S WHAT THEY WANT.











DON'T  
GET  
CARRIED  
AWAY!

FOOL!















...OF  
INVEST-  
MENTS?

THE  
DEITY...



HIS  
VOICE  
SOUNDS  
LIKE IT'S  
ECHOING  
FROM THE  
PITS OF  
HELL...

BUT...  
HE'S  
REALLY  
SCARY.



BUT  
WHY?

IT'S THE  
WAY YOU  
BOUGHT  
THEM. THE  
DEITY IS  
ANGRY  
ABOUT!



DEITIES  
ARE SCARY...  
THAT GOES  
WITHOUT  
SAYING.  
THEY'LL  
PUNISH  
THOSE THAT  
GO AGAINST  
THEIR WILL!



BUT I  
BOUGHT  
SHARDS  
AND MADE  
A PROFIT,  
SO WHY  
WOULD HE  
BE MAD?

















GAME CRAZY  
SAVES THEIR  
ADS UNTIL THE  
SHOW IS OVER,  
SO THAT  
USERS CAN  
START PLAYING  
RIGHT AWAY.

YOU'RE  
WATCHING A  
SHOW YOU  
WANT TO  
WATCH, SO  
WHY WOULD  
SOMEONE  
STOP  
WATCHING  
AND START  
PLAYING?



I  
SUPPOSE  
THAT'S  
TRUE...

POM!



THAT'S  
WHAT DIS-  
TINGUISHES  
THEM FROM  
OTHER  
COMPANIES.

IT BEINGS  
GAME CRAZY  
CARES  
ABOUT  
THEIR  
USERS'  
REACTIONS.



I WAS  
IMPRESSIONED  
ABOUT  
THINGS  
LIKE THAT  
THAT'S WHY  
I BELIEVED  
THEY WOULD  
EVENTUALLY  
BECOME  
BIG.

ALSO, THEIR  
CUSTOMER  
SERVICE IS  
VERY REFINED.  
THEY'RE  
CLASSY  
WITH THEIR  
USERS.



WELL... I  
SUPPOSE

HAH?



DIDN'T  
I TELL  
YOU?

YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE TO  
STUDY TO  
INVEST.



SO,  
WITHOUT  
ANY  
ADO...

IF YOU'RE  
HEARING ABOUT  
THE CURRENT  
MARKET,  
HORRIBLE SOUND  
RANGES, AND ALL  
THAT, YOU'LL  
NEVER GET  
STARTED ON  
INVESTING.



THAT'S  
ONE OF  
INVESTMENT  
BASICS.

...YOU  
BUY SHARES  
OF THE  
COMPANY  
YOU LIKE



...THE  
GODS  
MIGHT  
REWARD  
HIM WITH  
A LITTLE  
BLESSING.

AND... TO  
THE GUY  
THAT  
BOLDLY  
TAKES HIS  
FIRST  
STEP...



LUCK  
AT THE  
OUTSET...



AND  
THAT'S  
WHAT  
YOU CALL  
"BUSINESS'S  
LUCKY"

LUCK  
IS WHAT  
HAPPENS  
AT THE  
OUTSET.



BUT THE  
BOYS  
WON'T  
BRING YOU  
LUCK SO  
EASILY IN  
HANGSUNG.

YOU'RE  
SO  
MEAN!



RON!



I WAS  
SO  
CLOSE!

YOU  
LIAR!



